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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Inspector General
Legislative Counsel
General Counsel

FROM: John F. Blake
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Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Survey of CIA's Activities to Support U.S.
Government Foreign Narcotics Control Programs

1. The recommendations contained in the Inspector General's July 1977 report on CIA Activities to Support U.S. Government Foreign Narcotics Control Programs are approved as indicated herein. The action designated for each recommendation should be completed by the responsible official or officials within 90 days or as otherwise indicated.

2. Recommendation 1

That the DO request the loan of a DI analyst to examine samples of the unedited product of high volume technical operations to determine if there is additional information which can be recovered from it and, if so, to advise station about techniques which can be used to accomplish this purpose.

Bearing in mind the continuing concern of DEA with what it regards as the potential adverse consequences of technical operations, it is desirable for CIA to ensure maximum exploitation of the product of such operations. DDO and DDI should jointly forward for my review the results of this study, and an action plan, if appropriate, for future exploitation of the product.

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3. Recommendation 2

That the DDI request periodic comments on "International Narcotics Developments" from its principal customers.

The DDI now has a year's experience with the biweekly periodical. An assessment by consumers is in order.

4. Recommendation 3

That NAROPS study the feasibility of closer liaison between DI and DEA analysts working on common problems in the foreign intelligence field.

Considering the differing focus of the analytical efforts of DI and DEA, the areas of overlap are presumably limited. Nevertheless, the findings of the IG suggest that the level of liaison between the two might be increased to the mutual profit of each. [] will need to broker this carefully.

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5. Recommendation 4

That the DDO reaffirm the importance of narcotics operations for the benefit of officers working in this field.

It is unlikely that CIA will be relieved of its responsibility in the foreseeable future for collection and analysis on international narcotics trafficking. DDO should consider appropriate actions by management, such as instructions to promotion and assignment panels, that might help overcome a perception which makes narcotics assignments appear less attractive.

6. Recommendation 5

That the DDO direct the Policy Coordination Staff/ Narcotics Operations, with the assistance of the Legislative Counsel, to offer to brief members of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control on major developments and to send significant intelligence studies and reports on narcotics to the Committee on a regular and timely basis.

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I understand that DDO and Legislative Counsel have already taken steps to implement this. It is consistent with the Director's desire to be responsive to legitimate Congressional needs.

7. The Inspector General notes that two problems have been brought to the attention of the Department of Justice, i.e., the need to develop procedures which will enable CIA to pass to law enforcement officials the names of U.S. persons whose names are incidentally acquired in technical operations (pages 13-14); and, the need to develop a practical resolution to the problem created by CIA's inability to respond to discovery motions when traffickers whose names have appeared in CIA technical operations are brought to trial (pages 14-17). The Office of the General Counsel should persist in its efforts with the Department of Justice to obtain an early and satisfactory resolution to these problems.

8. The Inspector General shall monitor the implementation of the foregoing.



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